

IMPROVING GRADE CROSSINGS

Railroads Trimming Away Trees and Other Objects in the Line of Sight—Following Suggestions of Utilities Commission—Its Annual Report Presented to Governor—185 Public Service Companies Under Jurisdiction—128 Special Investigations in Accident Cases.

The report of the public utilities commission for the year ending June 30, 1915, has been presented to the governor. The report shows that there are 185 public service companies under the jurisdiction of and reporting to the commission. One hundred and twenty-three petitions of various kinds have been heard and formal orders entered in connection therewith. There have been 88 informal complaints presented to the commission, 25 less than were received during the previous year. In nearly every case satisfactory adjustments have been made. These complaints cover a wide field in the operation of the several public service companies affected.

Accidents. Four thousand six hundred and fifty accidents have been reported to the commission as occurring among the several public service companies under its jurisdiction. One hundred and sixteen accidents of a more or less serious character, and 165 accidents did not involve any personal injury. Of these accidents, 128 have been the subject of special investigation, and 41 suggestions have been made as to the causes of the accidents. Of these accidents, 12 occurred upon steam railroads, 22 in connection with the operation of street railways, and 94 were among the other classes of companies.

On June 30, 1915, after numerous hearings and lengthy deliberations, the bureau of standards of the department of commerce at Washington rendered valuable assistance, orders were issued approving and establishing rules, regulations and standards for the gas, electric and water companies.

Grade Crossing Improvements. The annual examination of steam railroads was made in September and October, 1914, and that of the street railroads in May and June, 1915. Both the railroads and street railways were found to be in good general condition and suggested improvements, following the previous examinations, had been made. Special and careful examination was made relative to the grade crossings on the steam railroads and a detailed report respecting conditions at each crossing is on file in the office of the commission. Following out suggestions made by the railroads, where the companies have improved and are improving the lines of sight at grade crossings, by the trimming of trees and removal of bushes, embankments, etc. Special attention was given to a similarity of some of the station names and certain names, where the confusion in reading train orders existed, were changed by the railroad companies on a general recommendation of the commission.

For Pure Water. The commission has secured and presented in its report certain information relative to the protection afforded water supplies from which the several water companies obtain their supplies for domestic purposes, the method in use in maintaining the purity of the water, and the details incident to the various private-owned water supplies throughout the state.

Owing to a recent federal decree affecting certain railroad and street railway interests, the commission has deemed it advisable to report at some length on the conditions of this class of utilities in its annual report.

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FORE QUARTERS LAMB, lb. 12c

LOINS OF LAMB, lb. 13c

PRIME RIB ROAST BEEF, lb. 18c

ROUND STEAK lb. 15c

FRESH FROM OUR BAKE SHOP DAILY

CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOW ROLL, each. 10c

WHIPPED CREAM PUFFS, doz. 25c

CHOCOLATE CREAM DOUGHNUTS dozen 15c

MOHICAN BUTTER BREAD, loaf 5c

GERMAN COFFEE CAKE, each. 8c-10c

HOT BAKED BEANS box 5c-10c

BROWN BREAD loaf 5c

CHICKORY 10c

CRISCO for frying, can. 23c-45c

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PEANUT BUTTER in jars 9c-17c

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PORK CHOPS 10 TO 12 A. M. 25c

LAMB CHOPS 10 TO 12 A. M. 25c

FRESH SHOULDERS 10 TO 12 A. M. 25c

BEST PURE LARD 10 TO 12 A. M. 11 1/2c

Soda-Milk-Oyster CRACKERS, 3 lbs. 25c

BEST YELLOW ONIONS, 4 lbs. 10c

1 bottle Pure Maple Syrup 5 lb. pkg. Buckwheat. 40c

CLUSTER RAISINS lb. 25c

GOLD DUST large size package 19c

LAUNDRY STARCH 4 lbs. 15c

SEEDED RAISINS 3 packages 25c

FINE GRANULATED SUGAR 10 lb. cloth sack 68c

5 lb. cloth sack 34c

PULVERIZED SUGAR, 2 lbs. 13c

Fresh, Solid Meat OYSTERS - quart 37c

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trict of New York, whereby the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company and companies affiliated were required to segregate various properties alleged to be unlawfully combined. By the terms of this decree the entire capital stock of the Connecticut company, which at that time was held by The New England Navigation company, was ordered transferred to trustees, who were empowered to exercise full authority of stockholders in the management of that company. Similar provision was made for the stock of the Providence and the Rhode Island company and the Providence and Danielson company.

The Rhode Island company and the Providence and Danielson company came under the jurisdiction of the commission under the fact that the latter company owns and the former company leases from it and operates 1.5 mile single track in the state of Connecticut.

There has been a net addition to the investment in road and equipment, by the railroad companies, during the year of \$805,528.75, and a total addition on leased properties of \$813,275.99. The total investment in road and equipment was \$74,792,122.22, and the operating expense of furnishing electrical current was \$1,543,027.56.

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